

In the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for supplying digital files to the customer via a data communications network, ~~wherein a recordable medium is provided to a customer, the method including the steps of~~ comprising

(a) providing a recordable medium to a customer,
(b) registering details of the customer and the recordable medium in a data bank,
~~(b)~~ (c) receiving a customer request to supply one or more digital files,
~~(e)~~ (d) authenticating the recordable medium and the identity of the customer, and
~~(d)~~ (e) if authentication is successful, supplying the requested one or more digital files from the data bank to a client terminal via the data communications network for recordal on the recordable medium.

2. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein the recordable medium is a recordable DVD.

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 2, wherein the recordable DVD is ~~connectable~~ connected to the client terminal by a recordable DVD drive.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the digital files are music files or other video, audio or data content.

5. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the recordable medium supplied to the customer includes one or more pre-recorded digital files.

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the recordable medium includes a recordable medium identifier.

7. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 6, ~~the method further including~~ comprising:

registering the recordable medium identifier and the customer details in the data bank in step ~~(a)~~ (b) , and

detecting the recordable medium identifier from the recordable medium in step ~~(e)~~ (d) .

8. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the customer details include a customer name and password.

9. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein step ~~(e)~~ (d) includes:

receiving customer entered validation data, and

comparing the validation data to the customer name and password stored in the data bank.

10. (Currently Amended) A method according to any one of the preceding claims ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the data bank is maintained by a predetermined content supplier.

11. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 10, ~~wherein the method may includes~~ further comprising:

receiving the customer request in step ~~(b)~~ (c) at an intermediary server;

identifying the predetermined content supplier, and

directing the customer request to the data bank of that predetermined content supplier.

12. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the recordable medium includes a content supplier identifier.

13. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 10, ~~the method further including~~ comprising:

identifying the predetermined content supplier by detecting the content supplier identifier at the intermediary server.

14. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~the method further including~~ comprising:

issuing the manufacturer and retailer with unique identifying codes.

15. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~the method~~ further ~~including~~ comprising:

processing customer payment for the one or more digital files.

16. (Original) A method according to claim 15, wherein the customer payment is processed when the recordable medium is provided to the customer.

17. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any either one of claims~~ claim 15 or ~~16~~, wherein the customer payment relates to the pre-recorded digital files only.

18. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any either one of claims~~ claim 15 or ~~16~~, wherein the customer payment relates to the pre-recorded digital files and one or more digital files supplied in step ~~(d)~~ (e).

19. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 15 to 18, wherein the customer payment processed when a customer request is received in step ~~(b)~~ (c).

20. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~the method~~ further ~~including~~ comprising:

providing the customer with notification of one or more digital files able to be supplied from the data bank.

21-22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) Computer software stored on a readable medium for use with a content server forming part of the system for supplying digital files to a customer via a data communications network, the content server including a processing unit and associated memory device for storing the computer software, wherein the computer software acts to cause the content server to carry out a method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1.